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Magistrate Judge

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 Education: DePaul 1975 JD
 Began Service: July 6, 1998
 Term Expires: July 5, 2014

Legal Practice: Federal Defender Program; Law Offices of Nan R. Nolan;
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Sidney I. Schenkier
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1955
 Education: Northwestern 1976 BSJ, 1979 JD
 Began Service: October 30, 1998
 Term Expires: October 30, 2014



Affiliation: Adjunct Instructor, Clinical Trial Advocacy Program,
 Northwestern University

Academic: Bigelow Teaching Fellow, University of Chicago Law School
 (1980-1981)

Clerkships: Law Clerk The Honorable Marvin E. Aspen, United States
 District Court for the Northern District Illinois (1979-1980)

Legal Practice: Associate, Jenner & Block (1981-1985); Partner, Jenner &
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Geraldine Soat Brown
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1950
 Education: Dayton BA; Chicago 1975 JD
 Began Service: June 19, 2000
 Term Expires: June 18, 2008

Academic: Adjunct Professor, Chicago-Kent College of Law (1993-1995)

Legal Practice: Associate then Partner, Miller Shakman & Hamilton
 (1975-2000)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; Chicago Bar Association; Chicago Council of Lawyers; Illinois State Bar Association;
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Michael T. Mason
Magistrate Judge

Began Service: September 29, 2001

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Jeffrey Cole
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: September 1942
 Began Service: May 6, 2005
 Term Expires: May 2013

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; Seventh Circuit Bar Association

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Maria G. Valdez
Magistrate Judge

Began Service: 2005

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Eugene R. Wedoff
Chief Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1950
 Education: Chicago 1972 BA, 1975 JD
 Began Service: September 16, 1987
 Term Expires: 2015

Legal Practice: Jenner & Block (1975-1987)

Current Memberships: American Bankruptcy Institute; National Bankruptcy Conference; National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges

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**Jack B. Schmetterer**
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1931
 Education: Yale 1952 BA, 1955 LLB, 1955 JD
 Began Service: May 9, 1985
 Term Expires: November 5, 2013

Academic: Instructor, Yale University (1954-1955); Instructor, University
 Georgia (1957-1958); Visiting Professor, University of Illinois, Chicago
 Circle Campus (1974-1978)

Government: Assistant United States Attorney, Northern District of
 Illinois, United States Attorney's Office, United States Department of
 Justice, Lyndon B. Johnson Administration (1963-1970); Assistant United
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 States Attorney's Office, United States Department of Justice, Lyndon
 B. Johnson Administration (1966-1968); First Assistant United States
 Attorney, Northern District of Illinois, United States Attorney's Office,
 United States Department of Justice, Lyndon B. Johnson Administration
 (1968-1970); First Assistant State's Attorney, County of Cook, Illinois
 (1971-1973); Board Member, North Shore Mass Transit District
 (1981-1984); Trustee, Northbrook Village Board (1984-1985)

Legal Practice: Partner, Schmetterer & Schmetterer (1958-1963); Partner,
 Freeman, Schmetterer, Freeman & Salzman (1970-1971); Partner, Gottlieb
 & Schwartz (1973-1985)

Military Service: United States Army (1956-1958)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; Decalogue Society;
 Federal Bar Association; John Howard Association; Just the Beginning
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**Susan Pierson Sonderby**
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1947
 Education: Illinois 1969 BA;
 John Marshall 1973 JD
 Began Service: October 1, 1986
 Term Expires: September 30, 2014

Academic: Adjunct Faculty, DePaul University (1986)

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